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Enclosed herewith, please find the following documents and sheets.

1. Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a one-month extension of time.
2. Response to the Office Action mailed on March 25, 2003 with integrated amendment and request for reconsideration of claims, withdrawal of rejections and issuance of a Notice of Allowance.
3. New IDS with PTO form-1449.

Respectfully submitted
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